Table 1. General characteristics of the neonates included in the study.

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| **Characteristics** |  | **Frequency**  **n=126 (%)** | |
| Sex | Male | | 83 (65.9) | |
| Address | Kathmandu Valley | | 25 (19.8) | |
| Small for gestational age | Yes | | 23 (18.3) | |
| Blood group | O+ve | | 39 (31.0) | |
| A+ve | | 45 (35.7) | |
| B+ve | | 27 (21.4) | |
| B-ve | | 1 (0.8) | |
| AB+ve | | 13 (10.3) | |
| AB-ve | | 1 (0.8) | |
| Type of delivery | Normal delivery at home | | 30 (23.8) | |
| Normal delivery at hospital | | 71 (56.3) | |
| Instrumental assisted delivery | | 7 (5.6) | |
| Elective cesarean section | | 8 (6.3) | |
| Emergency cesarean section | | 10 (7.9) | |
| Gestational age | <37 week | | 31 (24.6) | |
|  | 37–42 week | | 94 (74.6) | |
|  | >42 week | | 1 (0.8) | |
| Birth weight | <1000 g | | 7 (5.6) | |
|  | 1001–1500 g | | 10 (7.9) | |
|  | 1501–2500 g | | 48 (38.1) | |
|  | 2501–4000 g | | 59 (46.8) | |
|  | >4000 g | | 2 (1.6) | |
| Admission day of life | 1–10 day | | 90 (71.4) | |
|  | 11–20 day | | 24 (19.1) | |
|  | 21–30 day | | 12 (9.5) | |
| pH on admission | <7.15 | | 10 (7.9) | |
|  | 7.15–7.25 | | 21 (16.7) | |
|  | 7.25–7.35 | | 21 (16.7) | |
|  | 7.35–7.45 | | 49 (38.9) | |
|  | >7.45 | | 25 (19.8) | |